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Applicant : SIEVERNICH et al

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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 23, 2009 and further to the Notice of Appeal filed December 23, 2009, please enter the amendments and remarks contained on the following pages. Applicants request a four-month extension of time, which extends the original due date of February 23, 2010 to June 23, 2010. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed on or before June 23, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.